



BAR HILL NEWS

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Continuing help for Bar Hill

Our local COVID-19 support group can provide assistance to people resident in the village who are experiencing hardship due to loss of income, the end of government assistance schemes or who require help navigating the benefits system.

In addition the Food bank service aims to provide help with essentials if required. Emergency food parcels are free and are available to anyone in the community who is on low income or benefits. Each parcel will contain enough basic non-perishable food to provide 3 meals per day for 3 days (three sizes; individuals, couples, and families). To apply you will need to complete a simple assessment form (we can help with that too!) and we will then deliver either to your door or arrange a time for you to collect at the Octagon.

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Unfortunately we are unable to accept donated food but if you'd like to support this service via a donation please visit our

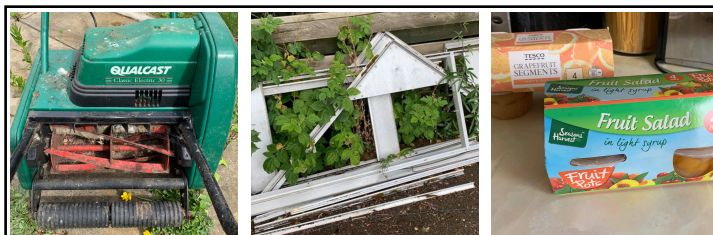
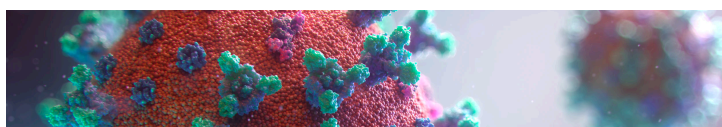
JustGiving Page [https://bit.ly/](https://bit.ly/BarHillCovid19)

BarHillCovid19 to enable us to buy the food in bulk.

Please do not allow any, shame, fear, or anxiety prevent you from asking. You are part of our community and we care!

Please call 0800 088 6522 if you need any help

Kevin, Charles, Sarah, Bunt



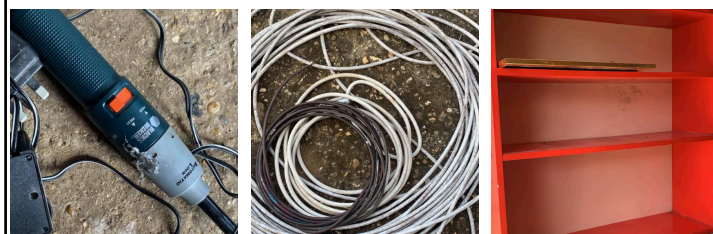
Bar Hill Reuse & Recycle Group

Are you interested in reuse, gifting old items for other people to reuse, or want to share tips on recycling?

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<https://bit.ly/BHReuseAndRecycle>

Please note this isn't a selling group - if you want to sell something there are other groups for that, this one is sharing things for re-use and recycling.



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Deadline for next issue is 6pm on the 15th of the month, please send submissions to **bhneditor@yahoo.com** - the earlier the better! (space is allocated on first-come basis!)

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Sadly our 'Little Bunnies' Thursday group sessions are closed until further notice.

Our Childminders are listed below, those with availability have the word 'spaces' after their name - those who offer Government Funded places, (Universal and Extended), have an F before their name.

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Dear all,

We are very sorry but due to the current restrictions we are unable to meet at the moment. We are not sure when we will be starting back again but will keep you informed.

We miss seeing you all, keep safe, best wishes

Barbara, Adela and Ann (8 o'clock Club)

Dear all,

We are sorry we are unable to meet at the moment but we know that due to current restrictions it would not be safe for us to play.

We will update you as soon as possible.

Barbara & Peter

Indoor Bowls Club

NOTICE: In view of the current pandemic, all events organised by the Huntingdonshire Local Group of the **Wildlife Trust** have been cancelled. We will review the position later in the year with regards to events in 2021.



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To keep up to date on the latest developments please join us on facebook: <http://bit.ly/FBBarHillNHW> (or search for "Bar hill NHW")

Note from the Editor: As you may have noticed the Bar Hill News has been on a bit of a diet lately with the previous issue coming in at 32 pages, and this issue down to 28. Prior to lockdown we were regularly being hard-pushed to squeeze the content into 40 pages! If you belong to a local group or have an upcoming event you'd like to publicise please feel free to get in touch. I'm more than happy to help write some articles, do interviews, etc. Please get in touch at bhneditor@yahoo.com (or you can text me on **07814 871752**).

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Whilst the buildings have been closed during lockdown Bar Hill Church has been even busier in the community, helping and supporting people and offering online worship to which all are welcome. The question of recommencement of worship in the church buildings has been considered at length by the minister and the leadership team. In order to minimise risks of Covid-19 transmission we will not resume regular services in the buildings for the time being, but keep the matter under review.



Services during September

Currently all our church services are being held online using Zoom and, as usual, all are welcome to join us. Our online services can be accessed using the following link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88297613899>

Meeting ID: 882 9761 3899

Password: 284740

Our Sunday morning services are now held at 09:15 am and last for about 45 minutes. An online Holy Communion will be included in the 6 September and 20 September services. Additionally we have Morning Prayers at 08:15 am Monday to Friday. If you haven't used Zoom before, using the above link on a PC or Mac will direct you to the Zoom download and you will need to download and install the software before you join, so allow a little extra time for this. There is also a Zoom app for iPad, iPhone and Android devices.

Church Contacts

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Thu, 10 Sep 2020		✓✓
Sat, 19 Sep 2020	✓	
Fri, 25 Sep 2020		✓✓
Thu, 1 Oct 2020	✓	

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- Sanitise hands before and after play
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- Please do not try to adjust the nets

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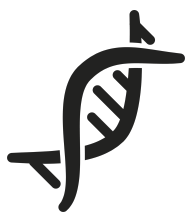
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BAR HILL ROSARY GROUP

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Rosary Group meetings have to be postponed until further notice. Nevertheless, this particular uncertain time might be a convenient moment

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SCDC 2018 Accounts. At the last Audit and Corporate Governance Committee we were able to finally sign off the March 2018 year end accounts (that were due in July 2018). The reasons for the delay of nearly 2 years has been associated as resources issues both internal at SCDC and with the external auditors. However, while there is no fixed penalty for a Local Authority being late with their accounts, there will be extra external audit fee costs potentially of a 6 figure sum, this was raised back in 2018 when the troubles around the accounts began. Subsequently the March 2019 accounts are yet to come to the committee, though I hope that these will be available shortly, and the March 2020 accounts are also late. It is hoped the council may be able to recover its timetable in order for the March 2021 accounts to be on time.

Investment Strategy. The SCDC Administration continues to implement its Investment Strategy despite the change in circumstances. This has concerned myself and others, so when the cabinet agreed to purchase 2 further commercial properties for their portfolio, with support from other councillors it was called in, however this was unsuccessful and the purchase went ahead. At full council it was also agreed that SCDC would enter into two Limited Liability Partnerships. For confidentiality reasons, as the meeting involved the exclusion of press and public for these decisions, I am unable

to provide any details other than I voted against such proposals.

Coronavirus related scams. I was sent the following information from South Cambridgeshire Police Force regarding scams within the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough area which I am sharing with you so you are aware of potential scams and criminal activity that could be taking advantage of residents.

Criminals are exploiting the COVID-19 pandemic to try and get their hands on your money and personal information. To date, Action Fraud has received reports from 2,378 victims of Coronavirus-related scams, with the total losses reaching over £7 million. How you can protect yourself from Coronavirus-related scams:

There are some simple steps you can take that will protect you from the most common Coronavirus-related scams. Here's what need to do:

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Appointments. We are still working remotely with the doctors consulting via telephone and video and using the SMS text messaging for sending in photographs and to provide information to you. If the doctor deems it necessary to see you in person then you will be asked to come to the surgery.

It is important that children's immunisations, mother and baby checks, cervical screening (smears) and regular monitoring blood tests and injections are still carried out.

Please continue to contact the surgery to book an appointment with the nurses for these.

We carry out temperature checks on patients before they are allowed to enter the surgery to minimise risk and ask you to wear a face mask and sanitise your hands.

If you are able to provide your own mask then this would be appreciated.

Booking routine appointments - non

urgent. Please can we ask that if your request for a call from the doctor is not urgent then you book a few days in advance, this allows the doctors time to speak to patients that have an urgent medical concern on the day.

Telephone appointments call still be booked online with the doctor.

Flu vaccinations. We will be holding flu clinics from the middle of September those under 65 yrs in at risk groups, shielding patients and members of their household, patients 65 yrs and over, carers, pregnant ladies and children 2-3 yrs.

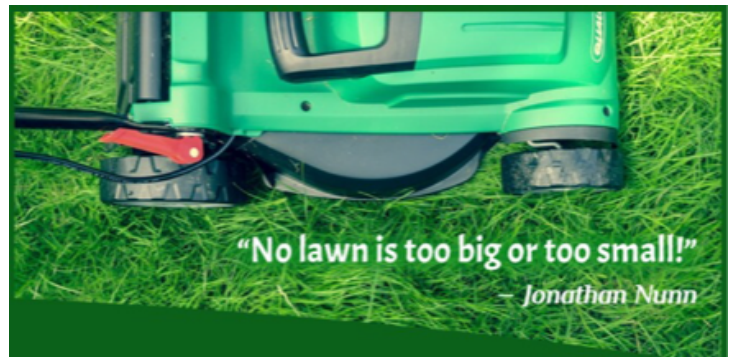
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Lorna Gardiner (Practice Manager)



Has spending more time at home got you thinking about home improvement? The upcoming government Green Homes Grant offers homeowners and landlords grants up to £5,000 covering two-thirds of the cost of many home energy improvements.


Local charity Cambridge Carbon Footprint is offering free advice on how to renovate your home to make it more comfortable and energy efficient with their Open Eco Homes Autumn Season. After 10 years running live events, this year they've offering their home tours and talks online. There are 8 tours and 3 talks to choose from, running between September 14 to October 20. Details and registration at openecohomes.org/autumnseason.



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New noise equipment will help officers tackle anti-social motorists across the county.

Cambridgeshire Constabulary has purchased two state-of-the-art sound monitoring equipment kits which will alert officers at the roadside if an exhaust is too loud.

Officers will be holding the first day of action with the new equipment on Saturday targeting hotspot areas based on information reported to the force.

The legal limit for cars is 80 decibels and it is illegal to modify an exhaust to be louder than this.

Motorists could be given a £50 Fixed Penalty Notice for either failure to maintain the system or use of a vehicle with an altered system or excessive noise.

Noise pollution is a concern for many people living in our villages, towns and cities.

Using funds from the Proceeds of Crime Act (POCA) we have purchased new state-of-the-art sound monitoring equipment that will tell us in seconds, at the roadside, if an exhaust is too loud.

We'll be targeting hotspot areas as well as car cruises across the county. Fines will be issued to help reduce anti-social motorists and make our communities quieter, safer places to live.

If there is an area you would like us to target or to report anti-social motorists in your area, follow this link; <https://bit.ly/ReportAVehicle>.

PC Kurt Allen

Library@Home Service.

Cambridgeshire Libraries can now accept new referrals to the Revised Library@Home Service.

The service is for anyone who usually relies heavily on reading books or listening to audiobooks AND who is housebound, shielding or isolating due to age or health conditions under the current COVID-19 Government guidelines.

People accepted for this service will be contacted by a member of the Library@Home Team who will arrange a doorstep delivery of specially chosen books/audiobooks. Deliveries will be monthly (by prior arrangement) and previously loaned books/audiobooks will be picked up when new ones are delivered.

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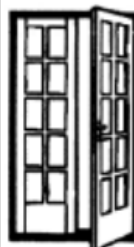
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Planning. Hallmark Hotel Development will be ongoing and the Council has established contact with Wellington and Sanctuary Housing. Release of s106 monies, for which a broad bid on types of expenditure had to be submitted at the beginning of the planning application process in 2016, will follow but the council will need to hear parishioners' views on actual projects. The planning application included play facilities on the site and pedestrian crossing. The Norman Park commercial use development is beginning to progress and the developer has been in contact with the Parish Council.

Boundary maintenance. Please could residents check around their property boundaries to remove any vegetation or overhanging trees that is, or might in the future, be an obstruction or cause a nuisance to people passing by. In some cases this will include the utility strip residents have to leave open and not enclose by a fence; do please check your title deeds to identify the boundary you are actually responsible for.

Most of the footpaths, roads, street lights and road gullies are the responsibility of Cambridgeshire County Council and they ask that the public report any issues to them, as soon as noticed.

Annual Parish Meeting

Thursday 22 October 2020 at 7.30pm

(due to Covid-19 restrictions this meeting will be held remotely on Zoom). Details will be published on the village noticeboard.

Apologies for absence; previous Minutes; reports from County, District and Parish Councils; Village Clubs and organisations; and any matters raised by the electorate

To assist organisers manage remotely, any questions you have for the County, District or Parish Council, or village organisations, and especially any ideas for the community please submit to the Parish Council's office in writing by 10 October 2020. We are asking for reports to be submitted by the end of September so these can be published before the meeting. As usual items will be taken back to the respective organisations for further consideration by members after the meeting.

It was hoped Highways England would talk to villagers about how the A14 scheme is finishing and give an update on projects and opportunities for the community. In particular the Parish Council has been pressing Highways England for support to install a path to connect up across the village green between the village hall and school/play areas, together with improving path across the front of the tennis and MUGA courts from Hanover Close/Church.



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Since we returned our children have made bird feeders, grew vegetables, used various blocks and boxes to build fantastic structures, and enjoyed water play. We have enjoyed playing in our large garden and having our carpet times outside.

Since the end of term we have been busy refurbishing the outdoor, in particular the Sensory Garden. We have received fantastic donations from **Oasis Nursery** in Willingham, including flowering plants and herbs, **Tesco Stores** donated a large number of flowering planters to brighten all areas of the garden, **The Fox** gave donation envelopes to their patrons which raised enough money to not only buy all the screening, but we also brought bits for our new fairy garden, a new picnic bench, as well as several other items. We also received donation of bricks and plants from various Bar Hill residents.

We are planning to redevelop the undercover area before the start of term, but we will keep that as a surprise for next month!

In September we will be opening our doors again 5 days a week, in line with the

government guidelines, we are monitoring all communications and guidance sent to us, to ensure we are opening as safely as possible. We are utilising our large outdoor area, we have new water lily stepping stones, toadstool seats, colourful new balance beams and a fantastic new mud kitchen, we would like to say thank you to the team of volunteers who have given up their time to help with the refurbishment.

We are looking forward to welcoming our new starters in September and still have a few places left, if you are interested in a place for your child contact us now via email enquiries@barhillpreschool.co.uk to register your child.

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September Crossword

Across: 1.impudence/jauntiness. 6.small airport. 7. sluggish. 10.poss words before a signature-5&4

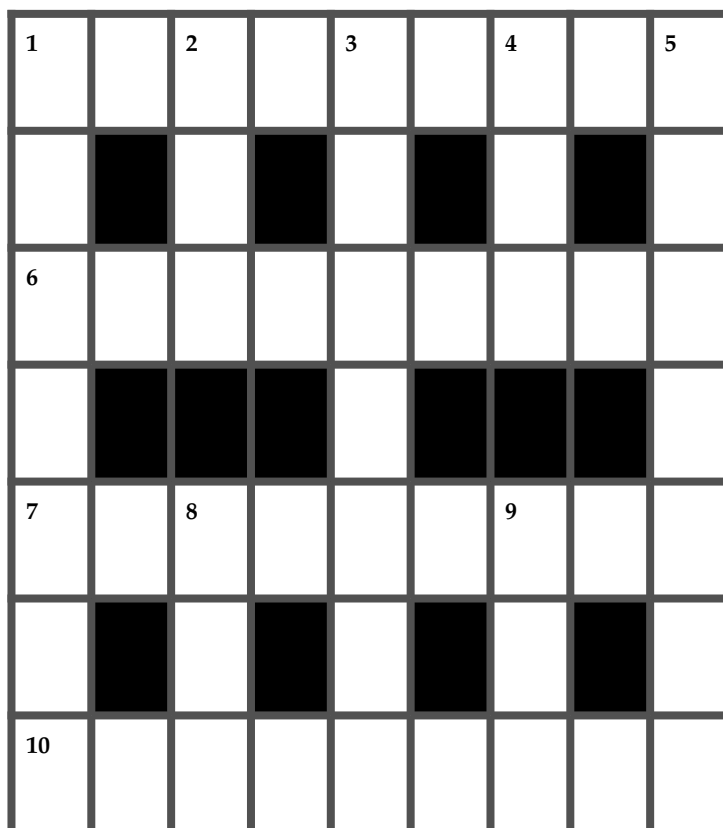
Down: 1 & 5, see2. 2. artist 1891-1959 from Cookham. 3. too many chiefs, too few-. 4.personal esteem. 5. see 2dn. 8.Greek letter. 9. common for boss.

Solution for previous Crossword:

Across: 1.dandelion. 6.custodian. 7.oblivious. 10.snowdrops. **Down:** 1.doctors. 2.NHS. 4.evolved. 4.ICl. 5.nemesis. 8.leo. 9.oso.

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